

First Thessalonians Study
Questions for Second Thessalonians 1:1-12

1. Compare 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2 with 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2.
What specific differences do you find between them? Are these differences significant? Why or Why not? What do you think it means to be "In Christ?"

2. In verse 3, Paul speaks of the Thessalonians' growing faith. What does he say is the evidence that their faith is growing? What is the cause of the difficulties that the church in Thessalonica was facing? Have you faced any similar difficulties in your life as a Christian?

3. The word Judgment usually carries a negative connotation, but judgement can be positive as well, as in "he or she is a good judge of character." With that in mind:
 - a. What is the "judgment" that Paul is referring to, and what evidence should the result of this judgment be for us?

 - b. What is the purpose of suffering according to verse 5?

 - c. What does verse 6 say is the result of God's judgment?

 - d. Does this change your view of trials and suffering for being a Christian?

4. Read vs. 8-10. What are the two reasons Paul gives for the vengeance of God in verse 8? According to verses 9-10, when will ultimate relief to the afflicted come? What does Paul say will be the result of God's justice?

5. List the things that Paul prays for the Thessalonians in verses 11-12? What is the main focus of Paul's prayer here? How are his prayers different from your prayers for the church?